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## LARGE AUSTRALIAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN CANNED DECIDUOUS FRUIT PRODUCTION

Australia and South Africa recorded large 1970 canned deciduous fruit packs despite reports of unfavorable weather. Combined deciduous fruit production totaled a record 18.9 million cases, basis 24/2½'s, 16 percent above the level of 1969. Australia reports a record total pack of 11.5 million cases while South Africa reports 7.4 million cases, 10 percent below the 1969 record but above average. Total canned pear and mixed fruit production reached record levels but apricot and peach production was down.

Combined Australian and South African exports dropped sharply during 1969. Australian exports totaled 5.4 million cases, 37 percent below the 1968 record of 8.6 million cases. South Africa reports the second largest exports of record. Combined Australian and South African exports of all items showed declines.

Australian and South African canned deciduous fruit production

Kind of fruit	Average	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
1956-60 : 1961-65	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
cases 2/ cases 2/	cases 2/	cases 2/	cases 2/	cases 2/	cases 2/	cases 2/	cases 2/	cases 2/
Apricots:								
Australia .....	702	651	437	750	663	1,054	723	699
South Africa .....	742	816	680	1,080	988	723	591	669
Total .....	1,444	1,467	1,117	1,830	1,651	1,777	1,314	1,368
								1,125

Peaches:

Australia .....	1,863	3,183	3,333	4,319	4,565	5,038	5,134	4,063
South Africa .....	2,084	3,325	3,439	4,283	4,646	4,918	4,541	4,927
Total .....	3,947	6,508	6,772	8,602	9,211	9,956	9,675	8,990

Pears:

Australia .....	2,130	2,788	3,207	2,455	3,384	2,797	3,206	1,795
South Africa .....	550	954	1,318	1,126	1,486	1,131	1,302	1,547
Total .....	2,680	3,742	4,525	3,581	4,870	3,928	4,508	3,342

Mixed fruits:

Australia .....	233	517	616	894	1,220	1,406	1,902	1,568
South Africa .....	379	338	343	531	685	738	1,013	1,119
Total .....	612	855	959	1,425	1,905	2,144	2,915	2,687

1/ Estimate. 2/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

Australian and South African canned deciduous fruit exports

Kind of fruit	Average	Calendar year					
		1956-60	1961-65	1964	1965	1966	1967
Apricots:		1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Australia	360	201	197	215	304	378	417
South Africa	698	781	592	1,057	921	695	614
Total	1,058	982	789	1,272	1,225	1,073	1,031
Peaches:							
Australia	1,004	1,761	1,983	2,760	2,859	3,657	4,112
South Africa	1,667	3,011	3,277	3,831	3,938	4,209	4,791
Total	2,671	4,772	5,260	6,591	6,797	7,866	8,903
Pears:							
Australia	1,655	2,098	2,236	2,022	2,657	2,095	2,656
South Africa	388	829	1,055	1,059	1,189	980	1,203
Total	2,043	2,927	3,291	3,081	3,846	3,075	3,859
Mixed fruit:							
Australia	103	281	353	573	808	1,132	1,390
South Africa 3/	4/	277	294	440	567	630	858
Total	---	558	647	1,013	1,375	1,762	2,248
1/ Forecast.	2/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.	3/ Year beginning November 1.	4/ Not available.				

Calendar exports of canned fruit by country of destination

Fruit and destination	Australia		South Africa	
	1968	1969	1968	1969
	1,000 <u>cases 1/</u>	1,000 <u>cases 1/</u>	1,000 <u>cases 1/</u>	1,000 <u>cases 1/</u>
<u>Apricots:</u>	:	:	:	:
United Kingdom .....	264	108	334	416
Continental Europe .....	39	43	196	64
Canada .....	85	42	2/	2/
Other .....	29	52	84	112
Total .....	417	245	614	592
	:	:	:	:
<u>Peaches:</u>	:	:	:	:
United Kingdom .....	1,779	1,312	3,246	2,996
Continental Europe .....	1,758	721	1,301	1,112
Canada .....	451	371	2/	2/
Other .....	124	164	244	192
Total .....	4,112	2,568	4,791	4,300
	:	:	:	:
<u>Pears:</u>	:	:	:	:
United Kingdom .....	2,025	1,177	1,043	1,170
Continental Europe .....	234	141	54	55
Canada .....	144	100	10	3
Other .....	253	76	96	68
Total .....	2,656	1,494	1,203	1,296
	:	:	:	:
<u>Mixed fruit:</u>	:	:	:	:
United Kingdom .....	767	598	667	2/
Continental Europe .....	308	236	2/	2/
Canada .....	241	121	2/	2/
Other .....	74	104	191	2/
Total .....	1,390	1,059	858	899
	:	:	:	:
	:	:	:	:

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Not available.

SOURCE: Australian Canned Fruits Board and South African Annual Trade Statistics.

## AUSTRALIA

Australia reports a record 1970 canned deciduous fruit pack despite late frost in the Goulburn Valley during peach blossom. Production totaled 11.5 million cases, 41 percent above the short 1969 pack. Canned pear and mixed fruit packs reached record levels. Canned peach production declined.

Australian exports of canned fruits during the first half of 1970 were significantly larger than those during the same period of 1969. Available supplies of most fruits were larger this season and a relatively good export demand is reported. Total 1970 exports are forecast at 7.8 million cases, 46 percent above the short 1969 level. Domestic consumption of canned fruits has been fairly stable in recent years. However, 1970 deliveries for local consumption have been running above normal and may approximate 3 million cases in calendar 1970.

Early-season weather conditions have been favorable for 1971 crop development. Peach, apricot, and pear crops have blossomed well and set was reported good.

Late frosts and heavy rain during peach bloom reduced 1970 season set in the Goulburn Valley where the lowest supplies of canning peaches were recorded in recent years. Canned production totaled 3.9 million cases, slightly less than the short 1969 pack of 4 million cases and 12 percent below average. Exports of canned peaches during the first half of 1970 totaled 1.9 million cases, 32 percent more than during the same period last season. Total 1970 season exports are estimated at 2.6 million cases, approximately the same as in 1969 but below average. The United Kingdom remains the largest buyer of Australian canned peaches. Exports to the important West German market were sharply higher during the first half of 1970.

Record pear crops were evident in all major districts, providing exceptionally large volumes of Bartlett pears for canning. The 1970 pear pack totaled a record 4.4 million cases--over twice the short 1969 pack and considerably above average. Quality was good and the bulk of the fruit was suitable for canning as halves.

Pear exports are estimated at a record 3 million cases, double the small 1969 total of 1.5 million cases. Exports were up sharply during the first half of 1970, totaling 1.2 million cases. United Kingdom, Australia's major market, accounted for most of the increase, although gains were also reported in the Scandinavian countries.

Apricot production was fairly good in all districts and higher grower prices diverted additional tonnage from drying into the canning outlet. Canned apricot production is estimated at 773,000 cases, 11 percent above the 1969 level of 699,000 cases. Total season exports of 250,000 cases are slightly above 1969.

Australian canned fruit pack by quality,  
grade, and can size, 1969

Grade					Mixed fruits 1/	Total
	Apricots	Peaches	Pears			
	Equiv.	Equiv.	Equiv.	Equiv.	Equiv.	
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
	cases	cases	cases	cases	cases	
	<u>24/2½</u>	<u>24/2½</u>	<u>24/2½</u>	<u>24/2½</u>	<u>24/2½</u>	<u>24/2½</u>
Fancy (export)						
No. 2½ .....	13	277	77	75	442	
No. 1 .....	20	110	38	38	206	
8 oz. .....	6	---	---	---	6	
No. 10 .....	12	52	30	26	120	
Total .....	51	439	145	139	774	
Choice (export)						
No. 2½ .....	166	1,163	793	501	2,623	
No. 1 .....	118	588	372	374	1,452	
8 oz. .....	6	35	19	44	104	
No. 10 .....	30	183	135	118	466	
Total .....	320	1,969	1,319	1,037	4,645	
Standard (export)						
No. 2½ .....	114	888	185	130	1,317	
No. 1 .....	43	77	42	51	213	
8 oz. .....	---	1	---	---	1	
No. 10 .....	19	33	19	13	84	
Total .....	176	999	246	194	1,615	
Domestic Pack						
No. 2½ .....	102	508	59	137	806	
No. 1 .....	42	112	21	56	231	
No. 10 .....	8	36	5	5	54	
Total .....	152	656	85	198	1,091	
Grand total .....	699	4,063	1,795	1,568	8,125	

1/ Includes all mixed fruits other than tropical fruit salad.

SOURCE: Australian Canned Fruits Board.

Australian canned fruit production and exports, 1966-70

Canned fruit	1966	1967	1968	1969	Estimate 1970
	1,000 <u>cases 1/</u>				
Production:					
Apricots .....	663	1,054	723	699	773
Mixed fruit .....	1,220	1,406	1,902	1,568	2,394
Peaches .....	4,565	5,038	5,134	4,063	3,936
Pears .....	3,384	2,797	3,206	1,795	4,384
Total deciduous .....	9,832	10,295	10,965	8,125	11,487
Exports:					
Apricots .....	304	378	417	245	250
Mixed fruit .....	808	1,132	1,390	1,059	2,000
Peaches .....	2,859	3,657	4,112	2,568	2,600
Pears .....	2,657	2,095	2,656	1,494	3,000
Total deciduous .....	6,628	7,262	8,575	5,366	7,850

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

Australian packout of all canned fruit, 1965-69

Grade	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Fancy .....	8.0	10.6	9.3	12.9	9.5
Choice .....	56.9	62.3	55.4	56.8	57.2
Standard .....	11.8	11.3	22.0	17.4	19.9
Domestic .....	23.3	15.8	13.3	12.9	13.4

SOURCE: Australian Canned Fruits Board.

Australian canned peach supply and distribution, 1967-70

Item	1967	1968	1969	Estimate 1970
	: 1,000 cases 1/	: 1,000 cases 1/	: 1,000 cases 1/	: 1,000 cases 1/
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, January 1 ...	996	814	359	420
Production .....	5,038	5,134	4,063	3,936
Total .....	6,034	5,948	4,422	4,356
Distribution:				
Exports .....	3,657	4,112	2,568	2,600
Domestic consumption .....	1,563	1,477	1,434	1,500
Ending stocks, December 31 ...	814	359	420	256
Total .....	6,034	5,948	4,422	4,356

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

Australian canned pear supply and distribution, 1967-70

Item	1967	1968	1969	Estimate 1970
	: 1,000 cases 1/	: 1,000 cases 1/	: 1,000 cases 1/	: 1,000 cases 1/
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, January 1 ...	571	705	614	238
Production .....	2,797	3,206	1,795	4,384
Total .....	3,368	3,911	2,409	4,622
Distribution:				
Exports .....	2,095	2,656	1,494	3,000
Domestic consumption .....	568	641	677	600
Ending stocks, December 31 ...	705	614	238	1,022
Total .....	3,368	3,911	2,409	4,622

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

Australian canned apricot supply and distribution, 1967-70

Item	1967	1968	1969	Estimate 1970
	: 1,000 <u>cases 1/</u>	: 1,000 <u>cases 1/</u>	: 1,000 <u>cases 1/</u>	: 1,000 <u>cases 1/</u>
Supply:	:	:	:	
Beginning stocks, January 1 ...	: 131	309	114	65
Production .....	: 1,054	723	699	773
Total .....	: 1,185	1,032	813	838
Distribution:	:	:	:	
Exports .....	: 378	417	245	250
Domestic consumption .....	: 498	501	503	500
Ending stocks, December 31 ...	: 309	114	65	88
Total .....	: 1,185	1,032	813	838

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

Canners packed a record 2.4 million cases of mixed fruit. Production was half again as large as in 1969 and 26 percent bigger than the previous record in 1968. Production of fruit cocktail and two-fruits reached record levels of 1.1 million cases and 1.3 million cases respectively. The canned fruit salad pack remained at a low 45,000 cases. Current 1970-season exports of mixed fruit are estimated at a record 2 million cases, almost twice the short 1969 level and 44 percent above the 1968 record. The United Kingdom, Canada, and Western Europe make up the market for the bulk of Australia's mixed fruit exports.

Total acreage of major noncitrus orchard fruit remained relatively unchanged during the 1968-69 season. Area planted to the three major canning fruits--peaches, pears and apricots--totaled 64,800 acres; 81 percent was bearing and 19 percent nonbearing. Peach acreage dipped slightly to 28,600 acres. Both bearing and nonbearing peach acreage was down. Total pear acreage was unchanged at 25,600 acres. A slight increase in bearing pear acreage offset the nonbearing decline. Both bearing and nonbearing acreage of apricots was down slightly.

Production of canning fruit is centered in the State of Victoria, where 68 percent of the 1968 deciduous fruit pack was processed. Victoria is by far the major producer of all canned deciduous fruit items and contains 48 percent of bearing Australian peach acreage, 67 percent of pear acreage, and 29 percent of apricot acreage. Other commercial canning areas are New South Wales and South Australia.

Australian mixed fruit pack composition, 1961-70

Year	Fruit	Fruit	Two-fruits	Total
	cocktail	salad	cases 1/	cases 1/
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1961 .....	77	18	95	190
1962 .....	150	39	252	441
1963 .....	117	55	270	442
1964 .....	197	56	363	616
1965 .....	334	82	478	894
1966 .....	516	104	600	1,220
1967 .....	698	133	575	1,406
1968 .....	1,011	56	835	1,902
1969 .....	732	51	785	1,568
1970 estimate .....	1,098	45	1,251	2,394
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

Australian canned mixed fruit 1/ supply and distribution, 1967-70

Item	1967	1968	1969	Estimate 1970
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	cases 2/	cases 2/	cases 2/	cases 2/
Supply:	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beginning stocks, January 1 .	306	287	479	728
Production .....	1,406	1,902	1,568	2,394
Total .....	1,712	2,189	2,047	3,122
Distribution:	.....	.....	.....	.....
Exports .....	1,132	1,390	1,059	2,000
Domestic consumption .....	293	320	260	350
Ending stocks, December 31 ..	287	479	728	772
Total .....	1,712	2,189	2,047	3,122

1/ Canned composite packs, including fruit salad, fruit cocktail, and diced two-fruit mixtures. 2/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

Australian canned deciduous fruit production by State,  
average 1961-65 and annual 1964-69

Kind of fruit								
	Queensland		New South Wales		Victoria		South Australia	
	1,000 cases 1/							
<u>Canned apricots:</u>								
Average:								
1961-65 .....	27	110	294	214	2	4	651	
Annual:								
1964 .....	7	49	250	133	1	3	443	
1965 .....	26	171	197	352	1	3	750	
1966 .....	18	99	415	130	1	---	663	
1967 .....	38	228	541	246	---	1	1,054	
1968 .....	5	70	507	141	---	---	723	
1969 .....	7	114	377	201	---	---	699	
<u>Canned peaches:</u>								
Average:								
1961-65 .....	36	760	1,698	680	9	---	3,183	
Annual:								
1964 .....	29	859	1,686	747	12	---	3,333	
1965 .....	33	1,004	2,315	951	16	---	4,319	
1966 .....	34	984	2,433	1,093	21	---	4,565	
1967 .....	47	1,058	2,579	1,329	25	---	5,038	
1968 .....	39	1,091	2,947	1,018	39	---	5,134	
1969 .....	21	837	2,247	935	23	---	4,063	
<u>Canned pears:</u>								
Average:								
1961-65 .....	13	131	2,481	107	1	55	2,788	
Annual:								
1964 .....	22	164	2,854	117	---	50	3,207	
1965 .....	6	106	2,127	162	1	53	2,455	
1966 .....	17	165	3,053	81	---	68	3,384	
1967 .....	15	126	2,492	114	---	50	2,797	
1968 .....	30	94	2,933	96	---	53	3,206	
1969 .....	20	30	1,640	56	---	49	1,795	
<u>Canned mixed fruit:</u>								
Average:								
1961-65 .....	34	35	344	104	---	---	517	
Annual:								
1964 .....	30	45	361	180	---	---	616	
1965 .....	39	38	668	149	---	---	894	
1966 .....	49	61	919	191	---	---	1,220	
1967 .....	39	28	1,016	323	---	---	1,406	
1968 .....	28	43	1,559	272	---	---	1,902	
1969 .....	39	59	1,261	209	---	---	1,568	
<u>Total deciduous fruit:</u>								
Average:								
1961-65 .....	110	1,036	4,817	1,105	12	59	7,139	
Annual:								
1964 .....	88	1,117	5,151	1,177	13	53	7,599	
1965 .....	104	1,319	5,307	1,614	18	56	8,418	
1966 .....	118	1,309	6,820	1,495	22	68	9,832	
1967 .....	139	1,440	6,628	2,012	25	51	10,295	
1968 .....	102	1,298	7,946	1,527	39	53	10,965	
1969 .....	87	1,040	5,525	1,401	23	49	8,125	

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

SOURCE: Australian Canned Fruits Board.

Australian acreage of selected fruit, 1960-61 through 1968-69

Year	Apricots			Peaches			Pears		
	Bear		Nonbearing	Total	Bearing	Nonbearing	Total	Bearing	Nonbearing
	acres	acres	acres	acres	acres	acres	acres	acres	acres
1960-61 ..	9.2	2.7	11.9	15.1	11.8	26.9	17.8	6.1	23.9
1961-62 ..	9.4	2.1	11.5	19.7	9.9	29.6	18.5	6.8	25.3
1962-63 ..	9.9	1.9	11.8	22.2	8.0	30.2	20.0	6.0	26.0
1963-64 ..	10.0	1.9	11.9	23.0	7.2	30.2	20.3	5.6	25.9
1964-65 ..	9.4	1.9	11.3	24.8	5.6	30.4	19.5	6.6	26.1
1965-66 ..	9.4	2.0	11.4	24.9	5.1	30.0	19.8	6.1	25.9
1966-67 ..	9.5	1.8	11.3	24.8	5.3	30.1	19.7	5.9	25.6
1967-68 ..	8.9	2.0	10.9	23.8	5.9	29.7	20.4	5.2	25.6
1968-69 ..	8.7	1.9	10.6	23.3	5.3	28.6	20.6	5.0	25.6

SOURCE: The Fruit Growing Industry, Australia, No. 25, Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics, Canberra, 1968-69

Australian acreage of selected fruit by State in 1968-69

Kind of fruit	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Total
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres
<u>Bearing area:</u>							
Apples	14.0	16.3	10.6	4.5	11.5	14.5	71.4
Apricots	1.6	2.5	.4	3.7	.2	.3	8.7
Cherries	1.7	1.3	(1/)	.4	(1/)	(1/)	3.6
Nectarines	.3	.3	.2	.1	(1/)	(1/)	1.0
Peaches:							
Canning	3.3	9.2	1.5	3.6	.7	(1/)	2/23.3
Other	2.9	2.1					
Pears:							
Canning	.9	8.8	.7	1.5	.8	.2	2/20.6
Other	1.7	5.0				1.0	
Plums	1.4	1.1	1.2	.7	.9	(1/)	3/ 8.2
Prunes	2.8	.1	---	10.6	---	---	
Pineapple	.1	---					
<u>Total area:</u>							
Apples	18.8	21.1	13.8	5.9	15.2	18.2	93.0
Apricots	1.8	3.0	(1/)	4.6	.4	(1/)	10.6
Cherries	2.9	2.1	(1/)	.6	.1	(1/)	5.7
Nectarines	.4	.4	.3	.2	.1	(1/)	1.5
Peaches:							
Canning	4.0	11.2	1.7	4.6	.9	(1/)	28.6
Other	3.6	2.6					
Pears:							
Canning	1.1	11.3	1.1	1.9	1.0	.2	25.6
Other	2.0	5.9				1.1	
Plums	1.8	1.4	1.5				
Prunes	3.2	.2	---	.8	1.1	(1/)	10.0
Pineapple	.2	---		15.5	---	---	15.7

1/ Less than 100 acres. 2/ Total canning and other. 3/ Total plums-prunes.

SOURCE: The Fruit Growing Industry, Australia, No. 25, Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics, Canberra, 1968-69

Australian canned fruit minimum grower prices  
per short ton <sup>1/</sup> for first-quality fruit,  
1965-70 seasons

Fruit	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
	U.S. <u>dol.</u>	U.S. <u>dol.</u>	U.S. <u>dol.</u>	U.S. <u>dol.</u>	U.S. <u>dol.</u>	U.S. <u>dol.</u>
Apricots .....	96	100	106	100	100	110
Peaches:						
Cling, clear center ..	94	97	97	97	97	103
Cling, other .....	90	93	93	93	93	99
Freestone .....	68	68	68	68	68	72
Pears:						
Bartlett .....	92	95	97	97	97	100

<sup>1/</sup> Delivered to either the grower's railroad siding or to the cannery door.

SOURCE: Australian Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee.

Australian minimum grower prices for canning fruit were increased during the 1970 season. Minimum prices were: apricots, \$110 per ton; clingstone peaches with clear center, \$103 per ton; and Bartlett pears, \$100 per ton. Canners must pay at least minimum prices for fruit if they wish to qualify for sugar rebates paid by the Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee.

Minimum 1970 opening canned fruit prices (c.i.f. U.K. port) were above those of 1969 for all items. Clingstone peaches opened at \$3.39 per dozen 2½-size cans, choice grade; pears \$3.51 per dozen; and fruit cocktail \$3.99 per dozen.

Australian canned fruit minimum opening export prices for  
shipments to the United Kingdom (c.i.f. U.K. port), 1965-67

Fruit and pack style	Price per dozen 2½'s		
	Fancy	Choice	Standard
	U.S. dollars	U.S. dollars	U.S. dollars
Apricots:			
Halves:			
1965	3.43	3.22	3.08
1966	3.50	3.29	3.15
1967	3.57	3.36	3.22
1968	3.18	3.00	2.88
1969	3.42	3.24	3.12
1970	3.72	3.54	3.42
Peaches (clingstones):			
Halves and slices:			
1965	3.43	3.22	3.08
1966	3.46	3.26	3.12
1967	3.40	3.26	3.12
1968	3.03	2.91	2.79
1969	3.27	3.15	3.03
1970	3.51	3.39	3.27
Pears (Bartletts):			
Halves and quarters:			
1965	3.57	3.36	3.22
1966	3.64	3.43	3.29
1967	3.64	3.43	3.29
1968	3.18	3.00	2.88
1969	3.51	3.33	3.21
1970	3.69	3.51	3.39
Fruit cocktail:			
1965	3.92	3.71	3.57
1966	4.16	3.96	3.82
1967	4.13	3.92	3.78
1968	3.90	3.72	3.60
1969	4.08	3.90	3.78
1970	4.17	3.99	3.87
Two-fruit:			
1965	3.43	3.22	3.08
1966	3.46	3.26	3.12
1967	3.40	3.26	3.12
1968	3.06	2.94	2.82
1969	3.30	3.18	3.06
1970	3.57	3.45	3.33
Fruit salad:			
1965	----	----	----
1966	4.69	4.48	4.34
1967	4.69	4.48	4.34
1968	4.38	4.20	4.08
1969	4.50	4.32	4.20
1970	4.59	4.41	4.29

SOURCE: Australian Canned Fruits Board.

## SOUTH AFRICA

Drought and wind damage reduced 1970 South African production of canned deciduous fruit. Canneries reported smaller deliveries of major processing fruits. The pack is reported at 7.4 million cases, basis 24/2½'s, 10 percent below the record 1969 pack of 8.3 million cases. Reports indicate record fruit cocktail production of 959,000 cases. Packs of all other items are reported lower. South African 1970 exports of deciduous fruit are estimated at 6.3 million cases, 7 percent below the 1969 level of 6.8 million cases. Exports of all items are reported below the 1969 level. The United Kingdom is the leading export market for South African canned deciduous fruit.

Current reports indicate a more favorable 1971 canned fruit pack. Good early rains have broken the drought in most fruit producing areas although any permanent effect of the drought on the trees has not been evaluated.

Total 1970 canned peach production is estimated at 4.7 million cases, 4 percent below last year's level. The pack, almost entirely clingstones, has been growing steadily in recent years. The 1970 pack level is exceeded only by those in 1967 and 1969. Exports of peaches are estimated at 4.1 million cases, slightly less than the 4.2 million cases exported in 1969. The 1970 pear pack is estimated at 1.3 million cases, 16 percent below the record 1969 pack of 1.5 million cases but approximating the 1964-68 five-year average. Pear exports are expected to approximate 1 million cases, 19 percent less than in 1969.

Apricot production was curtailed more severely than other fruit crops. Grower 1970 deliveries to canners totaled only 9,960 tons, barely more than one-half those of last season. The canned pack totaled 352,000 cases, the lowest level in recent years. Exports have dropped sharply during the 1970 season and are estimated at only 376,000 cases.

Another large fruit salad pack was recorded during the 1970 season. Production totaled 1.1 million cases, virtually unchanged from the record 1969 pack. Exports are estimated at 870,000, second only to the 1969 total of 899,000 cases.

South African growers enjoyed higher prices for canning fruit during the 1970 season. The Canning Apricot and Peach Board increased minimum grower prices on all items. Minimum prices for first-grade Royal apricots are reported at \$86.80 per ton; Bulida's, \$72.80; and clingstone peaches, \$77.70 per ton. Second-grade Bulida apricots were priced at \$56.00 and clingstone peaches \$32.20 per ton.

Minimum 1970 opening prices for all South African canned deciduous fruits for export were above 1969 levels. Apricots registered the largest price gain. Opening 1970 prices were: apricots, \$3.30 per dozen, 24/2½ cans, choice grade; clingstone peaches, \$3.18 per dozen; pears, \$3.30 per dozen; and fruit cocktail, \$3.78 per dozen.

South African canned fruit production and exports, 1966-70

Canned fruit	1966	1967	1968	1969	Estimate 1970
	: 1,000 : cases 1/				
Production:					
Apricots .....	988	723	591	669	352
Peaches .....	4,646	4,918	4,541	4,927	4,709
Pears .....	1,486	1,131	1,302	1,547	1,292
Fruit salad .....	685	738	1,013	1,119	1,091
Total deciduous .....	7,805	7,510	7,447	8,262	7,444
Exports:					
Apricots .....	987	660	611	524	376
Peaches .....	4,064	4,200	5,344	4,202	4,100
Pears .....	1,174	800	1,152	1,204	980
Fruit salad .....	567	630	859	899	870
Total deciduous .....	6,792	6,290	7,966	6,829	6,326

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

South African canned peach supply and distribution, 1967-70

Item	1967	1968	1969	Estimate 1970
	: 1,000 : cases 1/			
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, November 1 .....	(2/)	1,535	282	562
Production .....	4,918	4,541	4,927	4,709
Total .....	(2/)	6,076	5,209	5,271
Distribution:				
Exports .....	4,200	5,344	4,202	4,100
Domestic disappearance .....	(2/)	450	445	540
Ending stocks, October 31 .....	1,535	282	562	631
Total .....	(2/)	6,076	5,209	5,271

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Not available.

South African canned pear supply and distribution, 1967-70

Item	1967	1968	1969	Forecast 1970
	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, November 1 .....	(2/)	250	168	277
Production .....	1,131	1,302	1,547	1,292
Total .....	(2/)	1,552	1,715	1,569
Distribution:				
Exports .....	800	1,152	1,204	980
Domestic disappearance .....	(2/)	232	234	230
Ending stocks, October 31 .....	250	168	277	359
Total .....	(2/)	1,552	1,715	1,569

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Not available.

South African canned apricot supply and distribution, 1967-70

Item	1967	1968	1969	Forecast 1970
	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, November 1 .....	(2/)	88	18	112
Production .....	723	591	669	352
Total .....	(2/)	679	687	464
Distribution:				
Exports .....	660	611	524	376
Domestic disappearance .....	(2/)	50	51	50
Ending stocks, October 31 .....	88	18	112	38
Total .....	(2/)	679	687	464

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Not available.

South African canned fruit salad supply and distribution, 1967-70

Item	1967	1968	1969	Forecast 1970
	1,000 <u>cases 1/</u>	1,000 <u>cases 1/</u>	1,000 <u>cases 1/</u>	1,000 <u>cases 1/</u>
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, November 1 .....	(2/)	(2/)	49	164
Production .....	738	1,013	1,119	1,091
Total .....	(2/)	(2/)	1,168	1,255
Distribution:				
Exports .....	630	859	899	870
Domestic disappearance .....	108	(2/)	105	130
Ending stocks, October 31 .....	(2/)	49	164	255
Total .....	(2/)	(2/)	1,168	1,255

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Not available.

Note: Fruit salad includes fruit cocktail but is not reported separately.

Commercial utilization of deciduous fruit by members of  
the South African fruit canning industry, 1966-70

Kind	1966	1967	1968	1969	Estimate 1970
	: Short tons				
Apples .....	10,527	7,548	10,135	6,116	7,000
Pears .....	40,431	36,659	38,490	41,186	34,000
Apricots .....	22,806	17,767	16,516	19,324	9,960
Peaches .....	104,679	108,729	99,098	107,592	102,000

South African minimum grower prices for fresh deciduous  
fruits for processing, 1965 through 1970 1/

Kind	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
	Dol. per short ton	Dol. per short ton	Dol. per short ton	Dol. per short ton	Dol. per short ton	Dol. per short ton
Apricots:						
Royal .....	66.80	58.30	75.10	75.10	78.10	86.80
Bulida .....	(2/)	41.70	44.50	52.80	58.60	72.80
Peaches:						
Clingstone .....	64.30	76.40	83.40	69.50	69.70	77.70

1/ Grade 1.

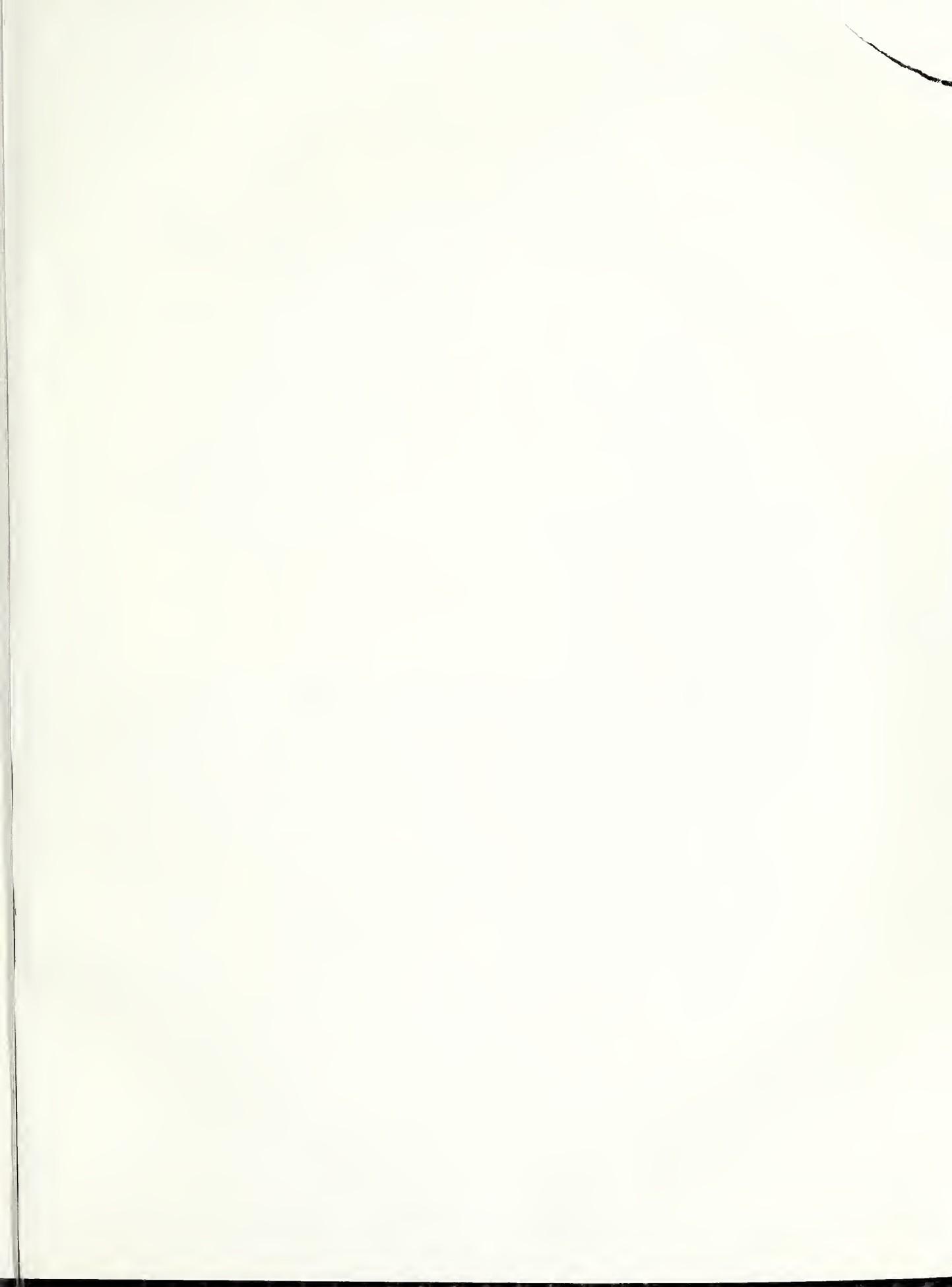
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Source: Canning Apricot and Peach Board and Deciduous Fruit Board.

South African canned fruit minimum opening selling  
prices c.i.f. (U.K. ports) 1967-70

Fruit and pack style	Fancy	Choice	Standard
	Dol. per doz. 2½'s	Dol. per doz. 2½'s	Dol. per doz. 2½'s
Apricots:			
1967 .....	3.22	3.01	2.87
1968 .....	2.76	2.64	2.52
1969 .....	2.91	2.82	2.70
1970 .....	3.42	3.30	3.18
Peaches:			
Clingstone halves and slices			
1967 .....	3.22	3.08	2.94
1968 .....	2.76	2.64	2.52
1969 .....	3.00	2.91	2.79
1970 .....	3.27	3.18	3.06
Pears:			
Bon Chretien halves			
1967 .....	3.43	3.29	3.15
1968 .....	2.97	2.85	2.73
1969 .....	3.18	3.09	2.97
1970 .....	3.42	3.30	3.12
Fruit salad:			
1967 .....	4.41	4.27	4.13
1968 .....	4.14	4.02	3.90
1969 .....	4.23	4.11	3.99
1970 .....	4.32	4.20	4.08
Fruit cocktail:			
1967 .....	3.99	3.78	3.64
1968 .....	3.69	3.51	3.39
1969 .....	3.84	3.69	3.57
1970 .....	3.90	3.78	3.66





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